

CLAIMS:

5 1. A system comprising:

an input that receives indications identifying a television program broadcast, including one or more of channel, start time, end time, date, day of the week and length;

video system recorder controller that provides commands  
10 to one or more of a video recorder and a tuner to record a television program according to one of the input indications;

an index memory for storing video tape identification and video tape index information and the identification indication for television programs recorded under control of the video  
15 system recorder controller;

a data receiver that receives data comprising titles, sets of television broadcast identifiers, each such set including one or more of channel, start time, end time, date, day of the week and length, and associations between a plurality of the titles  
20 and a plurality of the sets of television broadcast identifiers; and

wherein a title from the data receiver is stored, in the index memory, associated with the video tape identification and video tape index information and the identification indication  
25 associated with the title.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the data receiver comprises a VBI decoder.

30 3. The system of claim 1 wherein the data receiver is a wireless receiver.

4. A method for indexing programs recorded by a video tape recorder comprising:

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entering program broadcast identification information into  
the system for use in recording a television program

5         when the program is recorded, storing indexing information  
in an index memory;

monitoring a broadcast channel for electronic program  
guide information that includes titles and one or more channel,  
date, day of the week, start time, end time and length for the  
10     titles;

matching the one or more of the channel, date day or week,  
start time end time and length information from the broadcast  
channel with the identification information entered for the  
program to be recorded; and

15         associating the title associated with the one or more of  
the channel, date day or week, start time end time and length  
information with the indexing information for the program.

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